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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2005, please consider the following.

Prior to the amendment, fees for 3 independent claims and 21 total claims had been paid. Upon entry of this amendment, 2 independent claims and 29 total claims will be pending.

Accordingly, fees in the amount of \$400.00 in payment of the fees for two additional claims are remitted herewith. Additionally, a request for a one-month extension of time and the fee therefor is being submitted. Please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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